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Letter dated 27 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am writing regarding Security Council action to address the intensifying atrocity situation in Myanmar.

The situation of the Rohingya in Myanmar's Rakhine State has been cause for grave concern expressed by, among others, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Secretary-General has sent a letter to the Security Council urging its 15 members to press for restraint and calm and expressing concern that the violence could spiral into "a humanitarian catastrophe with implications for peace and security that could continue to expand beyond the borders of Myanmar" (see S/2017/753). It has since become increasingly clear that the atrocities being committed in Rakhine State may amount to crimes against humanity. In accordance with the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, we request all members of the Security Council to support timely and decisive action against any atrocity committed in Myanmar.

We would like to remind all Security Council members that 114 States, including 8 current members of the Security Council, have endorsed the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, as drafted by the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group (see annex). These 114 States expect the Security Council to take timely and decisive action aimed at preventing or ending such atrocities, and also not to vote against credible draft resolutions to the same end.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 27 September 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Liechtenstein to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

List of supporters of the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, as drafted by the Accountability, Coherence and Transparency Group

114 supporters as at 15 September 2017

Albania
Andorra
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bahrain
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Botswana
Bulgaria
Cabo Verde
Canada
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cyprus
Czechia
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Denmark
El Salvador
Estonia
Finland
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Gabon
Georgia
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Haiti
Holy See**
Honduras
Hungary
Iceland
Indonesia
Iraq
Ireland
Italy*
Jamaica
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Latvia
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Liberia
Libya
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg
Madagascar
Malaysia
Maldives
Malta
Mexico
Monaco
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Netherlands
New Zealand
Niger
Norway
Oman
Palau
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Samoa
San Marino
Saudi Arabia
Seychelles
Singapore
Slovakia
Slovenia
Somalia
Spain
State of Palestine**
Sweden*
Switzerland
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Tuvalu
Ukraine*
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland*
Uruguay*
Vanuatu
Yemen

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* Permanent or current elected member of the Security Council.

** In its capacity as a non-member observer State of the United Nations.